quired area around Golden Temple in Amritsar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

1025. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Wildlife Institute of India has recommended for setting up some more National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries and also to declare more areas as protected forests;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have since taken on the basis of the recommendations made by the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Wildlife Institute of India in its report entitled "Planning a Protected Area Network in India" has recommended that the existing network of protected areas should be expanded so that it comprises 148 national parks and 503 wildlife sanctuaries covering an area of 1.5 lakh sq. kms. and representing 4.6 per cent of the geographical area. States/Union Territory-wise list of existing and recommended number of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) The report of the Wildlife Institute of India has been circulated to the State Governments for implemention as setting up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is the responsibility of the State Governments. Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for increasing the existing protected area network.

Statement

State-wise recommendations for protected area network as per biographic report

Name of State/Union Territory	Sanctuaries		National Parks	
	Existing	Recommended	Existing	Recommended
1	2	3	4	5
Andaman & Nicobar .	94	21	6	17
Andhra Pradesh . . .	17	25	..	6
Arunachal Pradesh . .	4	15	2	9
Assam	8	22	2	4

1	2	3	4	5
Bihar	17	23	1	5
Chandigarh	1	1	..	..
Daman & Diu	..	..	..	..
Delhi	1	1	..	..
Goa	4	4	1	1
Gujarat	14	16	4	8
Haryana	6	6	..	1
Himachal Pradesh	28	27	2	3
Jammu & Kashmir	15	20	4	7
Karnataka	19	25	5	6
Kerala	12	18	3	5
Lakshadweep	..	..	..	2
Madhya Pradesh	31	48	11	13
Mahatashtra	24	40	5	12
Manipur	1	5	2	3
Meghalaya	3	6	2	5
Mizoram	1	6	..	3
Nagaland	4	7	..	1
Orissa	15	29	2	4
Punjab	5	9	..	1
Rajasthan	24	35	3	9
Sikkim	4	8	1	2
Tamil Nadu	16	24	3	8
Tripura	4	4	..	1
Uttar Pradesh	15	30	5	8
West Bengal	16	28	8	4
TOTAL	397	503	67	146